

"SHADOW AND LIGHT."

Press Comment Upon Judge M. W. Gibbs' Masterly Autobiography—Race History Revealed

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his lonely way and had not gone more than a half mile, when a sharp flash of lightning lighted up sky and road and was followed by a peal of thunder, and the rain came down in torrents. It was all so sudden that his horse took fright, and made a desperate and frantic dash in the dark, the buggy was overturned in the road and was dragged by the frightened animal for nearly a half mile.

In trying to escape from it the now thoroughly frightened physician had gotten his legs tangled up in the reins, and he was dragged along with the buggy between two oak trees on the side of the road where the horse detached itself from the vehicle and returned to his stable.

The next morning was clear and bright. The air was laden with the odor of the honeysuckle, the jasmine and the wild rose. The bird songs were mingled with that of the mocking bird, and these Jenny Linds of the forest made the air vocal with their incomparable music.

Farmers on their way to town saw a strange sight on the roadside and they were not sure whether it was a murder, a suicide or an accident. A little investigation married to common sense, soon determined the nature of the case. It was an accident, pure and simple. One man recognized the physician by a masonic ring which he wore on his finger. The infuriated animal had kicked his master's face in, broken his skull wide open, an his brains were spattered all along the road. The fates had decreed a terrible ending for the man who had refused to perform an act of mercy to a suffering mortal who was only a "nigger" suspected of ravishing a white girl.

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As he lay in his room, dying, suffering untold pain, black George passed by his window. Friends of the farmer were standing in front of the house discussing the accident, and the probable consequences to the unfortunate man. George approached them, and extending his black hand, said "baccy." One of them gave him a half plug. All of them looked at each other and shook their heads.

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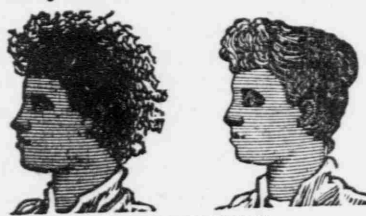
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